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CANNES PARLEY ANXIETY.

LLOYD GEORGE'S TOUGH PROBLEM.

AMBITIOUS RECONSTRUCTION PLANS.

LONDON, January 5.

The eyes of Europe are fixed anxiously on the Cannes conference. The problem facing Mr. Lloyd George is to reconcile British and French views on reparations and armaments relations with Germany and Russia.

As regards reparations it is reported that the British propose that German gold payments in 1922 should be limited to £25,000,000 payable in instalments ending on April 15 the balance of the £100,000,000 liability to be fulfilled by deliveries in kind.

Mr. Lloyd George has already had a preliminary two hours' conversation with M. Briand the French Premier. The former is known to entertain ambitious plans for international economic, and possibly political, co-operation to get Europe on its feet again with the participation of Germany and Russia. The stumbling block is Paris and in some British quarters there is strong distrust of Germany. It is anticipated that a world international conference will follow the present one.

CONFERENCE OPENS QUIETLY.

CANNES, January 5.

The conference opened quietly. Sir Robert Horne, British Ambassador to the Republic, M. Loucheur, French Minister of Reconstruction, and the Italian and Belgian financial representatives held a preliminary reparations conference in the morning, while Mr. Lloyd George in the afternoon consulted M. Briand and Signor Bonomi upon questions of policy. It is understood that Lord Curzon and Signor Torretta discussed the Asia Minor question but this is not likely to be settled by the present conference as the agenda is overfull.

FRANCE ISOLATED FINANCIALLY.

BRIAND'S CHARGE AGAINST BRITAIN.

BELGIAN COUNTER SUPPORT SOUGHT.

BRUSSELS, January 5.

Interviewed by a Belgian journalist at Cannes, M. Briand, the French Premier, accused Britain of isolating France and Belgium by the financial agreement of August 13, and promised to support Belgian priority in connection with reparations if Belgium supported France against Britain and Italy on the moratorium question.

DEMARK BORROWS.

AMERICAN BANK'S \$30,000,000 LOAN.

WASHINGTON, January 5.

Negotiations have been concluded for a \$30,000,000 loan by the National and City Bank of New York to Denmark.

KI-EWA INDUSTRY DIRECTOR.

POST-MASTER GENERAL'S \$150,000 JOB.

NEW YORK, January 5.

The World reports that the Postmaster-General has signed a three years' contract to become director-general of the cinema industry at an annual salary of \$150,000.

KIDNAPPED "TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

PRESSMEN'S STRONG PROTEST TO THE DAIL.

LONDON, January 5.

Mr. Kay, the Times correspondent at Dublin has been kidnapped. Pressmen at the Dail meeting have demanded his immediate release and punishment of the raiders.

CANADA'S NICKEL COIN.

OTTAWA, January 5.

The first Canadian nickels have been coined at the royal mint replacing the five cent silver pieces.

WALKING TO CANTON.

AMERICAN SEAMEN SEEKING WORK.

Frank Jones and William Harris, both unemployed American seamen, were charged before Magistrate Lindsay this morning with having failed to return to the House of Detention when their leave of absence expired.

Convicted sometime ago for being slowways from Manila, Jones received one day's jail and Harris one

month's hard labour. They were found by Inspector Cooke in the New Territories on the evening of the 4th inst. and when questioned, said that they were walking to Canton for the purpose of seeking work. When taken to the House of Detention, they did not know the regulations of the House of Detention. In reply to a question, Jones said that he had been to the American consular for help, but the latter refused to give him any assistance because he had lost his papers.

CHINA'S "NURSING RING."

WASHINGTON GAINS.

POWERS' MORAL PLEDGE UNIQUE.

WASHINGTON, January 5.

Reviewing the work of the conference and a number of the beneficial results emerging therefrom, one of the most distinguished members of the British delegation declared that China had obtained a good deal. He pointed out that the powers had agreed to form a nursing ring round China in order to prevent her being damaged during the process of evolution resulting from her recent revolution. He instanced how the United States took 75 years to establish a stable government while the Chinese republic had only existed a decade and declared that the moral pledge entered into by eight nations to support China was a thing no nation had ever obtained before in the history of the world.

TARIFF INCREASE.

WASHINGTON, January 5.

The committee of representatives of nine powers has approved an increase in the Chinese customs tariff effective to 5 per cent.

FOREIGN TROOPS.

LATER.

The Far Eastern committee passed a resolution providing for the eventual withdrawal of foreign troops from China.

FRENCH NEWS

JAPANESE SQUADRON'S VISIT.

PARIS, January 10.

The Japanese Naval Secretary has wired M. Gagan, Minister of the Navy, thanks for the recent cordial reception to the Japanese squadron at French ports and expressing a wish that the bonds between the two navies may become still more intimate.

POLAND'S PROGRESS.

A Warsaw message states that M. Mikulski the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs, receiving press representatives, outlined the great strides made in 1921 by Poland towards economic stability. He stated that Poland remains firmly attached to a policy of peace and moderation. —Havas.

FRENCH NAVAL PROGRAMME.

Another Havas message states that Paris papers are trying to justify France's Washington submarine claims, assuring Britain that far from these being directed against her France would never protest against British naval armaments however big. "The British people would realize the French viewpoint had their own Devonshire and Lancashire been laid bare and barren like some of France's richest provinces." In an interview with the Continental Daily Mail, M. Briand spoke in favour of a Franco-British alliance which would be "the best proof that the French naval programme is not and can never be directed against British friends."

BOMBAY POLITICAL CONFERENCE.

GANDHI READY TO ATTEND.

BOMBAY, January 5.

Mr. Gandhi has signified his willingness to attend the conference at Bombay on January 14 convened by the Pandit Malaviya and a number of other non-party leaders to which representatives of all shades of political opinion have been invited.

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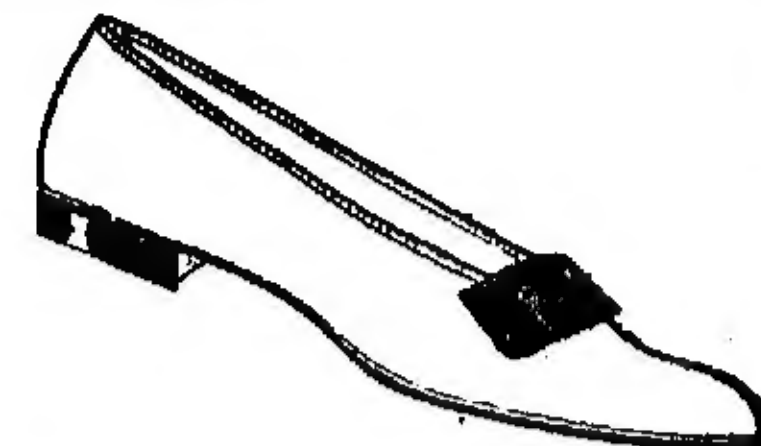
PIQUANT FAMILY CASE.

BERLIN, January 5.

A piquant case opened in which the widow of Prince Joachim of Prussia who recently committed suicide sued the former Kaiser for maintenance, grounding her claim upon the laws of the House of Hohenzollern. Counsel for the defence claimed that the laws were no longer valid. The case was finally adjourned as there is some prospect of a compromise.

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Walter Leon Ford and Fung
Yan Sam partners therein.

Defendants.
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EASTERN EXTENSION

INCREASED REVENUE
RECEIPTS

ADDITION TO WORKING EXPENSES.

The eighty-seventh ordinary general
meeting of the Eastern Extension
Australasia and China Telegraph
Company Ltd., was held in mid week
at Electric House, Finlayson-pavement
E.C., Sir John Denison Pender
G.B.E., K.C.M.G. (the chairman)
presiding.

The chairman, in moving the adop-
tion of the report and the declaration
of the dividend, said: I think you
will agree that the accounts are highly
satisfactory. The gross receipt for
1920 amounted to £2,614,825, against
£2,446,865 for 1919, showing an
increase of £167,960, notwithstanding
the fact that the revenue for the
latter year was £376,000 higher than
in 1918. Comparing the revenue of
the past year with that of the pre-war
year of 1913, there is an increase
shown of over 300 per cent. During
the current year the traffic has
naturally been affected by the acute
commercial depression that has pre-
vailed in all parts of the world, but
in all the circumstances, the revenue
is considered to be not unsatisfactory.
The transmission of the greatly
augmented traffic, to which I have
just referred, necessarily involved a
considerable addition to the working
and other expenses for the past year,
which, in round numbers, amounted
to £1,196,000, against £962,000 in
1919, or an increase of £234,000.
The increased excess profits duty of
10 per cent., against 40 per cent.
for the previous year, and the
new corporation tax, together with
the debenture interest, &c., have to
be added to the working and other
expenses, making the total expendi-
ture for 1920 £1,888,000, against
£1,406,000 for 1919, or an increase of
£482,000. It has not been found
necessary in these accounts to provide
any further sum to meet depreciation
of the company's reserve fund invest-
ments, owing to the good policy of
your board in past years having made
provision for this contingency, the
total amount of which to-day covers
such depreciation. The principal
items of increased expenditure are
practically due to revised staff sala-
ries and special allowances, as shown
in Abstract "B" and the exceptional
heavy cost of maintenance of cables
during the past year, as shown in
Abstract "C." The balance we now
have to deal with is, in round num-
bers, £117,000, plus the balance of

£232,000 brought forward from 1919,
making together £349,000. From this
amount £340,000, or £100,000 more
than in 1919, has been transferred to
the general reserve fund, and £318,000
paid in dividend, leaving £31,000 to
be carried forward to the current
year's account.

ACCELERATION OF MESSAGES.
Turning to the balance sheet, it will
be seen that the new capital offered to
and practically all taken up by the
shareholders has been added to the
capital account, and the account
debited with £559,824 in part payment
of the new Madras Singapore cable,
and the acquisition of land and staff
buildings at many of the company's
stations, to meet pressing needs for
additional house accommodation. The
calls in arrears (£6,030) of the new
capital have been paid since the close
of the year under review, and the
shares, representing fractional inter-
ests, sold, and the proceeds distributed
amongst the shareholders entitled
thereto, in accordance with the con-
ditions of the issue.

At the last annual meeting I re-
ferred to the public complaints in
connection with the regrettable delays
in transmitting the Far Eastern and
other traffic, and expressed the hope
that when the cable renewals and
additional new cables, which the Eastern
and Eastern Extension Company
had in hand, were completed, the
efficient working provided in pre-war
days would be restored, if not im-
proved upon. Unfortunately, how-
ever, this has taken longer than
was anticipated owing to a variety
of adverse circumstances arising
which added to our troubles during
the early part of the current year,
but now, I am glad to say, the work-
ing is greatly improved, and it is
expected that, ere long, the public
will have a reliable service, even at
times of exceptional interruptions in
the main-line sections, to which cables
are always liable. Having gone so
fully into this question at the Eastern
Company's annual meeting held in
this room, and the two com-
panies being so closely connected,
it would be a waste of time to repeat
what I then said, and I will therefore
not trouble you with further details
on the present occasion. A report,
however, of the progress at the
general meeting will be sent to
all shareholders in this company,
which will give further information to
those who follow closely the working
and policy of our associated com-
panies.

Mr. Albert J. Lippincott, Cypel,
K.C.I.B., seconded the motion which
was carried unanimously.

The retiring directors and auditors
were re-elected, and votes of thanks
were accorded to the chairman
and staff.

HOME TRADE.

MANCHESTER WEEKLY
MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co.,
Ltd., Manchester, reported on Nov.
30 as follows:

Cotton has again been very
unsteady and the markets have been
in an extremely sensitive state. An
increase of enquiry from spinners and
a generally broadening outside
demand, with slightly better
spot sales, have tended towards
higher rates, but have been
met with fairly heavy realising
and profit taking by the speculative
element. Thus, although there have
been wide fluctuations in prices
(Liverpool Fully Middling American
having stood at 11.78d on the 24th
inst. and 10.64d on the 28th) there is
little change from those last reported.
Yarn and cloth have been in very poor
demand. Occasional sellers report
slightly more progress but enquiry
and business generally have, for the
most part, been on an unsatisfactory
scale as we have experienced for some
time. Many buyers appear to have
lost confidence in the soundness of pre-
sent prices owing to the fluctuations
in the raw material and there is no
doubt that stability is needed to
keep even a small trade going
steadily. Sales have now been less
than output, small though that is,
for some time, and both spinners
and manufacturers are in conse-
quence getting nearer to the
end of their engagements. The
outlook is in fact far from being
satisfactory, but in spite of this the
American Section of the Spinners'
Federation have rejected the pro-
posal to again adopt organised short
time. Many hoped that if this course
should be agreed to it would ensure a
more even distribution of business and
at the same time enable them to im-
prove their margins, as prices are still
unprofitable. Apparently, however,
the position is not bad enough to
obtain the necessary support at
present and many spinners are hope-
ful of an improvement in the near
future. Prices have reflected the
fluctuations of the raw material,
but only sellers who have been in a
position to give some concession
have secured business. India remains
practically out of the market and
prospects are as yet little improved.
China has again only bought a few
whites although stocks of all kinds
are reported to be getting very low.
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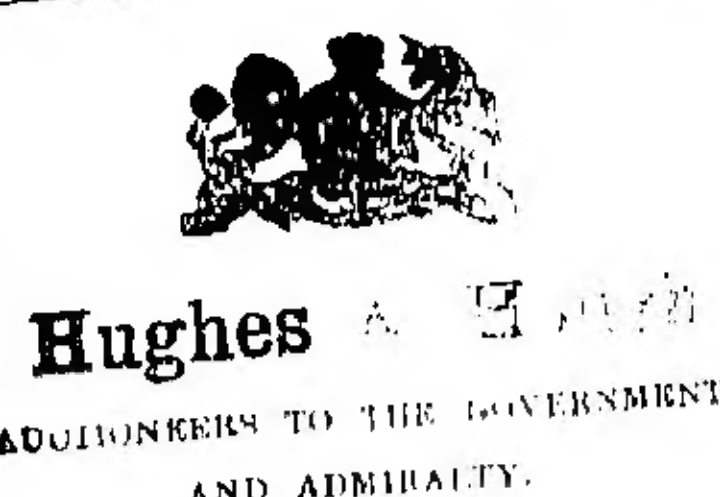
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PARTICULARS and Conditions of the
letting by Public Auction Sale, to be
held on MONDAY, the 9th day of
January, 1922, at 11 a.m., at the
Office of the Public Works Department,
by Order of His Excellency the Governor,
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ST. GEORGE'S BALL 1922
TO BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL
ON 6th JANUARY, AT 9.30 P.M.

FOR the convenience of Guests it is
announced that the refreshments for
the Dancers in ST. GEORGE'S HALL
will be shown by Red Lights, in ST.
ANDREW'S HALL, by Blue Lights, and
in the MUSIC ROOM by Green Lights.
Supper will be served in three
separate sittings after the eighth, twelfth
and sixteenth dances.

The following is the Programme:—
Extra—One Step. The Lady Will Wee
1. Lancers. Complication
2. One Step. Maypole
3. Fox Trot. Mouldy
4. Fox Trot. Alice Blue Gown
5. Waltz. Feather Your Nest
6. Fox Trot. Malado
7. Lancers. Shield A Hole in Her Stocking
8. One Step. First Supper
9. Fox Trot. The Lady Will Wee
10. Fox Trot. The Lady Will Wee
11. One Step. The Lady Will Wee
12. Waltz. The Lady Will Wee
13. Fox Trot. In Sweet September
14. One Step. And We'll Part
15. Fox Trot. Somebody's Sweetheart
16. Fox Trot. Somebody's Sweetheart
17. One Step. Every Time He Kissed Her
18. Waltz. The Lady Will Wee
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The Bands of H.M.S. "Hawkins"
and the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment will
provide the music.
Late Peak Trains and Ferries:—
12.30 a.m. 1 a.m. 1.30 a.m.
2 a.m. 2.30 a.m.

HONGKONG LUNG LEAGUE.
The Lung Leagues in Hongkong
partially for new members, by making
members in day and night, by post.
A printed list of members will be sent to
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Anyone may join by registering their
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on payment of \$1.00 annually.

CITY HALL.
CHOPIN-LISZT RECITAL
given by
HARRY ORE
on
MONDAY, January 9th, 5.30.
Booking at Andersons.

**THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY, LIMITED.**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an Extraordinary General Meeting
of the above-named Company will be
held at the registered office of the
Company, St. George's Building,
Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong,
on the 12th day of January 1922, at 11
o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose
of considering, and if thought fit passing
the following Resolution, namely:—
"That the Directors be and they
are hereby authorized to enter
into an Agreement with the
Government of Hongkong for the
grant to the Company of a License
(under a new Electricity
Ordinance in contemplation) to
supply electric light and power
in the Islands of Hongkong and
Kowloon for a period of 25 years
upon the terms of a letter
addressed by the Hon. Director
of Public Works to the Agents of
the Company dated the 10th day
of December 1921 with such
modifications as the Directors
may deem expedient."

The above mentioned letter may be
inspected by the Shareholders at the
office of the Company at any time during
business hours until the date of the
meeting.
Dated this 3rd day of January, 1922.
By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

NOTICE.
WE are informed by the MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO., that
their 1st and 2nd class fares from Hongkong to Port-Said and
Marseilles will be reduced from 1st of January, 1922:—
(a) per "ANDRE LEBON" "PAUL LECAT" "PORTHOS"
"ANGKOR" "AMBOISE" "AZAY LA RIDEAU" and
"CAP ARCONA."
To Port-Said.
1st class £138. 0. 0.
2nd class £101. 0. 0.
To Marseilles.
1st class £142. 0. 0.
2nd class £104. 0. 0.
(b) per "ARMAND BEHIC" "AMAZONE" "CORDILLERE" and
"CAP ORTEGAL."
To Port-Said.
1st class £132. 0. 0.
2nd class £96. 0. 0.
To Marseilles.
1st class £136. 0. 0.
2nd class £93. 0. 0.
Besides this Company will allow family reductions of 10 & 15 %
for families paying 3 & 4 or more full fares and travelling by the
same steamer.
The P. L. M. Railway Office formerly situated in their baggage
sheds at Marseilles is to be re-established on the 1st of January,
facilitating passengers to book their rail tickets immediately after
landing.

HONGKONG HOTEL.
NEW GRILL ROOM.

THE USUAL DINNER DANCING
will NOT be held on the Night of
ST. GEORGE'S BALL, FRIDAY, 6th
instant, as owing to heavy bookings,
the Duco Floor will not be available.
THE GRILL ROOM will be CLOSED
on this occasion at 10 p.m.
Hongkong, January 3, 1922.

**ACTIVE SERVICE MEN'S
ASSOCIATION,
HONGKONG.**

**AN EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING**
will be held at the CORONET
THEATRE on SUNDAY, 8th
January at 11 a.m.

Business:— To accept
Minutes of the previous meeting
and to transact any other
business that may arise.
All Active Service Men are
invited.
By order of the Provisional
Committee,
J. E. OLLERTON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, January 5, 1922.

NOTICE.
WE have authorized MR. HING
KAM HUNG to sign on firm
names as a Partner from the 1st day of
January, 1922.
DEACON LOOKER DEACON
& HARTSON,
Hongkong, January 1, 1922.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, January 5th.
Baron Kato has announced that Japan
accepts in principle the Root submarine
resolutions.
With regard to the Chinese tariff it is
understood that Spain, Germany and
Russia, who are included in the present
tariff arrangement, would be invited to
membership of the International Tariff
Commission.
While completion of the Naval Treaty
is being expedited as much as possible
the attempts are being made to embody in the
Treaty the decisions reached as regards
China. Such a pact, if finally decided,
would be signed by the eight Powers and
possibly also by China if she desired.
The pact will probably take the form of
a series of resolutions and general state-
ments supporting China and declaring
China's territorial integrity, coupled
with a number of appendices defining the
issues which have been cleared up by the
Conference. It is as yet uncertain whether
such a pact would embrace only
Chinese problems or also include the
question of Dutch possessions in the
Pacific and other Far Eastern problems.

WASHINGTON, January 5th.
Yesterday's meeting of the Sino-
Japanese delegates directly discussed
discussed three alternative plans for
payment of the Shantung railway.
It is stated that the Japanese presented
a demand for payment through the
Japanese loan which the Chinese de-
clined, declaring that they had not re-
ceived from the proposal for payment in cash.
The situation stated here when the meeting
adjourned, with neither side willing to com-
mitment on the ultimate possibility of a satis-
factory settlement. Mr. Wang stated
that the Chinese formally declined to con-
sider a Japanese loan and would expect
definite acceptance or rejection of either
of the Chinese alternatives. Dr. Koo
denied two reports, one allegedly from a
Japanese source and the other from a
representative of South China to the effect
that the Peking Government was ready to
accept the Japanese loan proposal. De-
spite the lack of Chinese optimism British
and American officials are hopeful of a
successful outcome, now that the deadlock
is broken.

WASHINGTON, January 5th.
A large Bolshevik force has re-
turned from the Pacific and is pressing the
Karelians northwards.

DUTCH EAST INDIES LOAN
NEW YORK, January 5th.
The Dutch East Indies six per cent.
loan of forty million dollars is now
offered at the price of 98 by a syndicate
headed by the Guaranty Trust Company.

**WORLD'S SCULLING
CHAMPIONSHIP.**
WANGANUI, NEW ZEALAND, Jan. 5th.
In a race for the world's sculling cham-
pionship, Hadfield defeated Arndt by six
lengths.

BIG FIRE AT HARTLEPOOL.
LONDON, January 5th.
The Hartlepool fire damage is estimated
at over a million sterling. Sixty houses
have been destroyed and five hundred are
homeless.

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3 1/2 x 4 1/2 \$1.50 " 12 "

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MARRIAGE

DICKIE STIRLING. On January 3, at the Union Church, James Douglass, Bachelor to Elizabeth Birrell, Spinster.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."
HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JAN. 6, 1922.

OUR RESTLESSNESS.

As Mr. G. N. Orme in his lecture yesterday morning pointed out, one of our European "vices" in Chinese eyes is our restlessness. They cannot understand it. The same may be said of ourselves. We do not realize it, much less understand it. It is not to be denied that we are restless as compared with the Oriental who watches the thundering regions pass, and plunges in thought again. Now, biologically considered, restlessness is an indication of something wrong. Psychologically it implies discomfort. In nature the animal must secure certain ends, for growth and continued existence, and then quiet. Quiet also is natural. We are not quiet, and no one is. It will be found that we too, like all else, are reacting inevitably to environment. Mr. Orme reminded us that all started as "coloured" people, that we do not but are vain of our "whiteness" because that was merely the effect of the cold, northern environment of our ancestors found. So, whatever we are because we are to be. He had not time to add this explanation to our greater inclination. His surroundings were permanent, unchanging, and usually inherited. He knew them intimately; the countryside, the downs and villages, the fauna, the flora, the soil, the climate; even the population, within the limits of his own environment, was composed of personal acquaintances, friends or relations. Thus the permanent and intimate relationship to a limited environment resulted in a body of knowledge concerning it, the possession of which markedly affected the character of the individual. It is evident that in a small area in which most persons were known to one another and the prevailing conditions known to them all, mutual help and service were possible as they could never be in large areas peopled with a shifting population of strangers. And as regards the worker "the absence of violent external stimuli made possible the generation of powerful stimuli from within, and indeed it is to be noted that even now the execution of any work requiring a sustained, concentrated effort is usually associated with a stationary condition and a restricted environment. The student is stationary in his study, the investigator in his laboratory, the painter in his studio, the craftsman in his shop. But the mental state associated with the stationary life was not only conducive to earnest and sustained work; it was a wholesome, healthy, and agreeable mental state. The freedom from hurry and pressure made for sanity of mind and bodily health."

All this "progress," as we call it, is taking us somewhere, but where? The author we have quoted sees it leading us to decay. The Chinese feel that it is wrong and undesirable, and it is not for us to conduct them without thought, still less to try to hustle them out of their ways into ours.

General Chas. G. Treat of the U.S. Army is a passenger on the "Empress of Asia" on his way back to America from Manila.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration for the week ending December 24, 1921, amounted to 101,578.0 tons and the sales during the period to 89,933.00 tons.

Maurice Tourneur's wonderful film version of Fenimore Cooper's famous story, "The Last of the Mohicans," forms the feature attraction at the Kowloon Theatre this evening.

The local Sikh community celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the Sikh seer and warrior, yesterday. Free meals were dispensed at the Sikh Temple and special services held.

A direct descendant of Portuguese royalty and one of the oldest Portuguese residents of Shanghai, Mr. Alexander Eca da Silva died at the Shanghai General Hospital on December 23. Mr. F. F. Eca da Silva, of David Sassoon & Co., Hongkong, is a nephew.

The following local residents sailed by the "Empress of Asia" yesterday: Messrs. D. Tratman and W. E. L. Shenton, going to Shanghai on holiday; Captain F. Bayliss, Superintendent of the Sailors' Home, making a trip to Victoria; Mrs. E. A. M. Williams and Master Edwin Williams, going home via Canada; Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gee, Captain P. Chandler, and Mr. G. A. Heyburn of the Admiral Line.

The many friends on the China Coast, of that popular skipper, the "Huichow," Capt. J. S. de Wolfe, will be pleased to learn that he has recovered from his indisposition and has now resumed duty with his company, Messrs. B. and S. Capt. de Wolfe is now in command of the "Huichow" and we are confident that the popularity of this well-known China Coast boat, combined with the characteristic geniality and good fellowship of its skipper will ensure full passenger lists and a voyage which it will be difficult to forget. To our readers we recommend a round trip to Tientsin.

In order to receive the surrender of the fugitive soldiers of War Lord Luk Wing-ting as well as to suppress the bandits in the province, important steps will be taken by the Kwangsi Government immediately, says the Canton Times. All the magistrates of Kwangsi have received instructions to adopt the volunteer system in every district not later than one month hence. When the volunteers throughout the province are recruited, pacifying measures will begin. It is reported that the Kwangsi Government does not intend to suppress absolutely the fugitive soldiers with military force if they will yield to the government. Many delegates have been sent out with a view to inducing them to submit.

SPECIAL CABLE.

TLR 350,000 SHANGHAI BLAZE.

LARGE PAPER MILL DESTROYED.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 6.

The Pao Yuen Paper Mill at Pootung, the largest establishment of its kind in China, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The damage is estimated at Tls. 350,000. The fire blazed all day. Six persons were injured. Firemen had narrow escapes. The mill was insured fully with the American Asiatic Company of Underwriters.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To night, on the occasion of St. George's Ball, motor traffic regulations have been suspended.

Last month the total rainfall at the Botanic Gardens amounted to 3.3 inch divided among eight days.

A fatal case of enteric fever, Chinese, and a non-fatal case of paratyphoid fever, British, were reported yesterday.

Assaulted by several men in the Chinese district yesterday, a coolie received injuries to his body requiring treatment at the Government Civil Hospital. All his assailants absconded. His condition is not serious.

A Chinese woman, aged 74 years, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, suffering from a twisted ankle said to have been received through being knocked down by a motor car No. 51, in West Point.

While engaged in blasting operations on Lantau Island yesterday, a Chinese received injuries from a piece of rock which struck him on the head. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. The injuries were not serious.

The opening and dedication of the Macao Protestant Church is being celebrated on Sunday at 2.45 p.m. The Bishop of Victoria will take the Service, assisted by members of Protestant missions in the South of China. There will also be present at the ceremony Lady Stubbs (who has been invited to stay the weekend at Government House, Macao), Admiral Sir Reginald Duff, K.C.B. and Miss Duff, Commodore Bowden Smith, C.B.E., and Mrs. Bowden Smith, and British and American Consuls-General from Canton.

The preliminary hearing of the Repulse Bay stabbing case was concluded before Magistrate Wood yesterday afternoon, when the accused was committed to stand his trial at the forthcoming Criminal Sessions on a charge of having caused grievous bodily harm. Both the complainant and the accused are motor car drivers, and the stabbing occurred in a seaside bungalow belonging to the Repulse Bay Hotel. The trouble is alleged to have arisen over money matters. Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital who gave evidence yesterday afternoon regarding the complainant's injuries, hesitated to say if they would be permanent adding "he may recover."

STOLEN CARGO.

JUNK FOKI ADMITS GUILT.

Two Chinese were charged before Magistrate Wood this morning with the unlawful possession of 71 rolls of elastic braid valued at \$90, believed to have been broached from a case transported from Yauwanti in the second accused's cargo boat to the s.s. "Heungshan" for shipment to Canton.

According to Inspector Browne, the first accused, a *fokei* of the cargo boat, was seen carrying a basket in Hingloong Street, which when opened by a detective was found to contain the braid. Unable to give a satisfactory account of how he came by it, accused was arrested. The second accused was arrested on board his junk later.

First accused undertook all responsibility and admitted having stolen the braid.

The Magistrate discharged second accused and on the application of Inspector Browne remanded the first accused in custody until to-morrow morning in order that enquiries might be made on board the s.s. "Heungshan" which is due back from Canton to day, as to the extent of the loss suffered.

PITY THE POOR PRINCE.

WILL NOT SEE REAL HONGKONG.

Max Beerbohm in a very pretty story tells how Apollo, once grieved because he never saw the world of men save in its workaday aspect. He saw men going to work and working. He saw them perspiring and weary. He caught glimpses of them going back to their homes. But he had heard that at night they were different creatures, taking wine, and laughing to the tune of trumpets. The god wished to see them gay. He got permission to take a look, but naturally, when he returned from below the western horizon, after his daily round all the world was bright with the brightness of his face, and men, thinking that the morning had come, got up and went to the labour. The sun god got his wish at last (says Max) by wearing a mask which dimmed his brightness. The moon, which sees men during their leisure hours, is the masked sun god.

A stroll round by the Hongkong Club, and a chat with a P.W.D. official, shows that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales must share that disability of Apollo. He will not be allowed to see our Hongkong, Hongkong as it is. There on "the finest site," the plot between the sea and the Law Court, has arisen the skeleton outline of a vast hall, about as big as the Law Court. It consists at present of bamboo piles and ratrains, with a certain amount of superficial woodwork—a sort of skin—of which more presently. The plans have already been described. It is to be a great hall accommodating over two thousand people, and it will look, when finished, like one of the marble halls that the song tells of. When illuminated, it will look still richer. This effect is got by clothing the pillars and posts in rectangular frames of lighter wood (recalling the frames of the re-inforced piles that Mr. Barrington makes at North Point) and nailing to these thousands of little battens. These will take and hold the plaster stucco that will give the chaste effect of marble—especially under artificial light. As a hall for the reception of H.R.H., and for the great ball that is expected to follow, it will serve the purpose admirably.

Incidentally, the *China Mail* hopes that our people will give more than a passing glance at the wonderful activity and skill of the Chinese who are running up this mighty house. It is impossible to believe that a "Housing Problem" would ever trouble these men, whose natural handiness and facilities have not been atrophied yet by factory tasks. Put them on a desert island with a hatchet and two axes, and they would quickly build themselves a hotel; while we alas! would be wringing our hands on the beach and bewailing the fact that the desert island possesses no government to build houses for us.

THE SNATCHING SEASON.

Not all the cases of "snatching" are reported to the police. Some of the people know that the lost handbag, or whatnot, is gone for good, and they take it more or less philosophically. Wanting people say that this, the twelfth moon in Chinese reckoning, is the snatching season. They tell each other to be careful. Don't carry anything valuable. They take precautions. Thus a Japanese lady yesterday afternoon twisted the double cords of her handbag round and round her wrist. Yet at a street corner just beyond the Seamen's Institute, a young Chinese male came up unseen behind her, in a crouching attitude, wrenched the bag downwards with such force that he snatched the four ply cords, and all without stopping. Her first sight of him was as he ran in front of her, still crouching. Bystanders had to tell her how it was done. In that case the thief had wasted his skill and his time to win a couple of handkerchiefs, a packet of cigarettes, and a few small coins—total value about a dollar.

One of the bystanders, a lady residing in the Tokyo Hotel block, was moved by the incident to tell how, a few days before, a snatcher had got \$50 in paper money from the tightly clenched hand of her man servant, sent to pay a bill a few blocks away. The thief seized the hand, and bit the fingers hard, and so got the notes.

At this little street corner parliament was unanimously resolved that as free lodgings, plenty of chow, and not too much work have no terrors for our local thieves, the authorities ought to do something more to them than they do. One suggested the chopping off of a finger for each conviction but it was pointed out that this would bring suspicion on innocent people so mutilated, engineers for instance. Another thought they should get a tattoo mark on the face. All were agreed that at this time of year the activities of the snatchers are a great nuisance, and enquiries go to show that their extent is not exaggerated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"HWAH PING."

NEWSPAPER CRITICISM ANSWERED.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail,"]

Sir.—May I be allowed space in your valuable columns to correct some of the statements made in an article which you reproduced on December 29, from *Shipping and Engineering* with reference to the steamer "Hwahping" and emigration to South America? The wording of the comment indicates clearly enough that the writer was ignorant of the true facts of the matter; and when he proceeds to make a series of guesses and base criticisms thereon he is guilty not only of a misleading inaccuracy but of ill-considered and damaging strictures which might seriously affect the reputation of the owners of the "Hwahping," the Chungwha Navigation Company, in which I am interested.

He says that in the early part of December last, when the "Hwahping" was ready to proceed to South America on her second trip under the Chinese flag, the Company received a communication from the Secretary for Chinese Affairs in Hongkong, forbidding the ship to carry third class passengers, apparently for the reason that the description of those third class passengers as "business men" was a misnomer, and that they were actually workmen, which we take to mean coolies. I note his "apparently"; but when he proceeds to accuse the Company of disregarding the state of affairs in South America, of being callous to the welfare of their nationals there, and unscrupulously subordinating every consideration to money making, his paper does the Company a grave injustice.

The Chungwha Navigation Company is quite aware of economic conditions in South America. Exactly what those conditions are is not relevant; they do not concern the Company any more than they do any of the big steamship companies trading with that part of the New World, for the reason that neither of the two trips which our steamer the "Hwahping" has so far made has she carried any emigrants to South America. We do not intend to do so use her.

As to the last trip, under discussion, let me assure you that the third class passengers for Panama, Peru and Chile to whom the article refers were not coolies. They were genuine business men with their families. They have shops to look after in those foreign countries and they have business connections here. As *Shipping and Engineering* admits they had passports, issued to them by the Governments of the places to which they were bound, some having been properly vided by the Consular officers in Hongkong representing such Governments. The great majority of them have been resident in those countries for many years, and were returning there to resume their businesses after having enjoyed a holiday in their native land. Had they been coolies they would have had only contracts duly signed, not passports; moreover their number, 114 including women and children, would have been four or five times that had they been emigrants, as is the case with certain other steamers trading in the transport of coolies to Havana, Cuba. Furthermore, the "Hwahping's" 114 third class passengers were not bound for any one port; they were going to various ports in three different countries in South America. Had they been coolies and had my Company been engaged in flooding these countries with cheap labour, as the writer suggests, we would have been foolish not to pack the ship full and deliver them with minimum amount of trouble and expense.

In view of the facts I have given you, you will pardon me if I resent the suggestion that our Company has been engaged in or attempted anything that necessitates the careful watch of the authorities here or on the other side. The Company was incorporated for the purpose of rendering assistance and affording convenient means of transport to our compatriots, by furnishing them with comfortable passenger accommodation and good service. I might mention that when the "Hwahping" returned here after her first trip, the passengers sent us many letters of appreciation, and published some of their own accord in the newspapers. Although the ship had no trouble on her first trip, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs did hold her up for eleven days on her second voyage. I appreciate his reasons, viz., that in the past certain steamers carrying

JAIL ESCAPE CHARGE.

"ONE MAN'S WORD AGAINST TWENTY."

Following the daring escape from the detention cell in the Central Police Station on Christmas night of David Tsay, a Strait-born Chinese detained pending extradition to Singapore for alleged embezzlement of \$10,000 from a British firm there, Tsang Chiu, a gardener employed at the Police Station was charged before Magistrate Lindsell yesterday afternoon with having aided the fugitive to escape.

Tsay, it will be remembered, effected his escape by removing the lock on the cell door with a chisel or screw driver which had undoubtedly been passed to him through a window of the cell opening into the police compound. His escape was not discovered until the following morning, when the police promptly arrested his wife and she was detained pending the enquiries which resulted in the gardener's arrest.

Before proceeding with the case, the Magistrate inspected the cell which is situated in the East Wing of the new police headquarters building, a large room at one time used as a passport office and since converted into a detention cell. There are long narrow windows opening out to the police compound, and although these are heavily barred, they can be opened from the inside. As the windows are not more than four feet above the level of the ground it was a simple matter to pass a small tool through the bars to the prisoner. The lock was removed by cutting away the socket in the door post, a job which must have taken the prisoner a long time as the only tool he had was a chisel found under the pillow on the bed after his escape. In order to allay the suspicions of the guard patrolling the compound, who glanced into the cell at intervals to see that nothing was amiss, the prisoner had arranged a life-like dummy on the bed, from which protruded a pair of stuff socks.

The evidence showed that the accused had acted as messenger between the fugitive and his wife who resided in Sing Ming Lane. On the first occasion that the accused went to the house, he asked for \$5 to buy cigarettes for the fugitive, but he was told to bring a chit from the latter as proof. Later the accused came round and asked for \$20, which the fugitive's wife said she did not have, but would pawn clothing to raise.

The next link in the chain of evidence against the accused was the proving of his ownership of four gardening implements—a shovel, a hatchet and two sharpened wedges—by a station coolie who a times acted as relief for the gardener. This witness deposed that on December 28, one of the wedges was missing. It was afterwards found in a rattan basket containing firewood, badly twisted as if it had been inserted into the narrow aperture between the door and the post. The marks on the wedge were new, and the dents in the door fitted exactly with the size of the wedge. This was the clue which led the police to connect the accused with the fugitive's escape.

Two statements alleged to have been made by accused after his arrest were then produced. In one he said that the fugitive's wife had offered him \$20 to procure a chisel, and in the other he denied all knowledge of the fugitive's escape.

In the dock, the accused persisted in his plea of ignorance of the happenings on Christmas night, and at one stage asked "What is the use of one man's word against twenty?" He was convicted and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Chinese passengers to Ouban and Mexican ports were responsible for much dissatisfaction and many complaints; that the third class passengers on such steamers were generally of the labouring classes, who come under the Immigration Laws; and that Mr. Halifax was not sure whether the immigration of third class passengers into Peru complied with the laws of that country. Those reasons, however, do not entitle anyone to conclude that the "Hwahping's" passengers were prohibited immigrants, or to defame this Company. *Shipping and Engineering* might with fairness have made some enquiries. In conclusion let me say that Mr. Halifax has seen his way to grant this Company the necessary permission to allow the "Hwahping" to carry third class passengers to South America—the same privilege as is enjoyed by the T.K.K. and other companies. We appreciate the privilege and look with confidence to uninterrupted operation of our ship, since delays mean serious losses.

Thanking you for your publication of this letter, and enclosing herewith my card.

Yours faithfully,
A. SHANMUGARATNAM.

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(By A. Clifton Brock in
"The Manchester Guardian".)

The report of the Committee appointed by Mr. Fisher to inquire into the teaching of English in the schools is a thing so obvious that it has been forgotten. Namely, that we are not educated at all unless we learn to use our own language, and that we do not learn to use it by nature, that is to say, by talking alone. It is believed by most Englishmen that if they can talk their own language, or some of it, they are masters of it. But in believing this they remember only one function of language, and that the most primitive; it is to them a means of getting what they want. Language, as we learn it in conversation does enable us to express our wants, or the more simple of them, precisely. We can say "Pass the mustard" as well as it needs to be said, or we can utter threats, such as "Treasoners will be prosecuted." This statement is precise, although untrue; but the command of such simple sentences, which we acquire by learning to talk, does not enable us to think; and, unfortunately, in our present society thinking is necessary to all of us. By thinking I mean a continuity of thought, the process by which the right conclusion is reached from certain premises, the process which will not allow us to believe just what we want to believe. But there is also a belief, even in our universities, that the process of thought can be acquired by itself and without any correspondent training in the use of language. If you read the great masters of thought, it is supposed you will be able to think like them. You may thus learn something about the thought of the past, but you do not learn to think for yourself. We can think for ourselves only in our own language and only if we are trained to use that for the purposes of thought. It is not merely a matter of vocabulary, though it is a matter of it. It is not the use of words, but the use of words as signs of thought. The teaching of English is not the word, but the sentence; words have no real existence, no precise meaning, except in sentences. So we cannot learn to use them precisely except in sentences; and what we have to aim at, if we would think, is not merely a precise use of words, but a precise use of sentences, and what is more, a precise connection between one sentence and another. Thinking is not the repetition of old thoughts in their old language; it is the finding of language for the thought of the moment, and unless that language is found the thought does not exist. So, because most of us at present cannot find the language for the thought our thought does not exist. We have a process which we call thought, but which consists in finding reasons for believing what we want to believe. We might as well save ourselves trouble of this "rationalising" and say simply—"I believe this because I choose to believe it." Yet we do not choose to believe it, for that consciously deceive ourselves, for that is impossible. We cannot say "I will believe this because I choose to believe it." We must cheat ourselves in the process of thought; and this we are able to do just because we

PASSION PLAY.

KEEPING A 1683 VOW TO-DAY.

The villagers of Oberammergau, in the Bavarian Highlands, are already hard at work on the preparations for the Passion Play which is to be performed there next summer. George Lang, 32 years old, son of Sebastian Lang, the village scribe (who took the part of Annas in 1910), has been appointed Director and it is probable that either Anton Lang or Alois Lang will represent Christus. The choir and orchestra are now practising daily and will continue to do so until the first public rehearsal of the impressive pageant on May 11 next. The part of Christ is naturally held to be the highest honour that can be bestowed on any man. Anton Lang, who fulfilled it in 1900 and again in 1910, became famous through out the world for his wonderful representations. His face is startlingly like the traditional portraits of Jesus and his mannerisms are of winning simplicity. It is said of Joseph Mayr, who represented Christus in 1870, 1880 and 1890, that when he knew for certain that he would never take the part again, he died of broken heart. This is typical of the deep sincerity of the actors and actresses of Oberammergau. In any case there must be a new Mary, for Ottilie Zwick, who played the part in 1910, married Haus Bauer, the prompter, in the following year, and only single women may take part in the Passion Play. Her father, Johann Zwick, was the Judas of 1890 and 1910; in 1870 and 1880 he represented St. John, the young disciple. Zwick's characterisation of Judas had become almost a part of the village life. On the stage he thought he was the betrayer, and on the occasion, when the tension was at its height, he attempted to hang himself. The war, of course, thinned the ranks of the young men who should have been prominent in the Passion Play of 1922. No well known character of 1910 lost his life, but seventy potential actors never returned to the village. The village is full of excitement, but it is also anxious. The community has to spend three million marks on preparation, and every member has staked his all. The vow made in 1683 that a Passion Play should be represented once every ten years is to be respected, and if a cosmopolitan public makes its way to Bavaria, well and good; if it stays away, well, Oberammergau will be ruined. Accommodation in the village is necessarily very limited. Thos. Cook & Son have again been appointed Foreign Office Travel Agents, for the Passion Play Committee, and the houses of most of the villagers have been placed entirely at their disposal for the period of the performances. A noteworthy feature of these arrangements is that, thanks to the rate of exchange, the visitor to Oberammergau in 1922, can be accommodated at less cost than in 1900. Names and requirements of intending visitors may be registered at any of Cook's Offices. young. It may be that there are few, even in our universities, who could teach writing, but that only proves how much we need to learn it. The thought of our teachers is the thought of old thinkers, and not their own, if they have had no training in their own language. If they would think, they must learn to express themselves, and then they will be able to teach others. I have said nothing about aesthetic or poetic expression, because that cannot be taught directly, but no man is a worse poet or novelist for learning to think. There is thought implied in all great art, and by thought we can protect ourselves against artistic as well as intellectual nonsense. Our bad novelists, like our bad politicians, make their living out of a public which has not been trained to use its own language for any purpose.

SPORT

SATURDAY'S RUGBY.

CLUB v. NAVY.

The following have been chosen to represent the Club against the Navy at Happy Valley on Saturday, kick-off at 4.15 p.m.—J. D. McClellan; D. Logan, A. M. D. Wallace, R. M. Henderson and N. J. Smyth, V. G. Smyth and C. J. Hyde; G. G. N. Tinson, H. G. Hegarty, J. Ralston, C. J. Cooper, A. H. K. Cobb, H. Day, H. A. Mahey and H. C. Lamplugh.

INTERPORT GOLF.

HONGKONG TEAM SELECTED.

Mr. J. B. Ross, honorary secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, writes that the following golfers have been selected to represent Hongkong in the forthcoming Interport match here against Shanghai:—Messrs. R. Backland, A. H. Ferguson and Major H. G. Bagnall. Reserve: Mr. T. W. Hill. The Shanghai team will be as follows:—Capt. Dewar, Messrs. Barrett, Cumming, Ferrier, Peebles and Roberts. A telegram has been received from Shanghai to say that the visitors will be able to play a team representing the Services on January 16.

FOOTBALL.

CLUB v. WILTS.

The following will represent the Club in a league match against the Wilts on Saturday, on the Sookumpoo ground, kick-off at 4 p.m.—G. Rodger (Capt); J. W. B. MacPhail, J. Stewart and A. Main; H. MacTavish, A. Forsyth, S. Begg, W. Kuhr and E. England.

CLUB RES. v. KOWLOON RES.

The following will represent the Club Reserves versus the Kowloon Res. on Kowloon ground on Saturday, kick-off at 2.30 p.m. sharp:—Groot, Israel and MacDonald; Angus, Mackenzie and Duncan; East, Hutchison, Hyde, Bessley and Sherry. Reserve:—Ogilvie.

LEAGUE TABLE.

2ND DIVISION.

The following table shows the result of the 2nd Division League up to and including December 31:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wilt's	9	8	0	1	37	7	16
South China	10	6	2	2	19	12	14
University	9	6	1	2	20	7	13
R.G.A.	10	5	2	3	22	15	12
South China	10	5	0	5	12	27	10
"Curlew"	6	4	0	2	19	10	8
U.A.C.	9	3	2	4	20	13	8
St. Joseph's	8	3	1	4	10	18	7
Club	9	1	2	6	5	17	4
Kowloon	9	0	3	6	4	20	3
Punjabis	9	1	1	7	5	27	3

CRICKET.

I.R.C. 1st v. C.S.C.C. 1st.

The following will represent the I.R.C. in their League match against the C.S.C.C. to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. on the latter's ground:—A. J. Arculli (Captain), M. H. Abbas, A. H. Rum-jahn, S. H. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, J. S. Curreen, A. E. Madar, S. A. R. Ismail, O. Ismail, F. M. Arculli and D. Rumjahn.

I.R.C. 2nd v. C.S.C.C. 2nd.

The following will represent the I.R.C. 2nd XI in their league match against the C.S.C.C. 2nd XI at home on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m.—E. Abbas (Captain), O. Rumjahn, S. Moosdeen, N. B. Kitchell, R. Nazarin, Y. A. Wahub, A. R. M. Samy, D. D. Rumjahn, S. Rumjahn, M. Sadiq and I. Hassan.

FOOTBALL.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE GAMES.

FIRST DIVISION.

"Cairo" v. "Tamar," Navy Ground A.

"Ambrose" v. R.G.A., Kowloon Ground.

Wilt's v. Club, Sookumpoo Ground.

"Titania" v. Kowloon, South China Ground.

Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

SECOND DIVISION.

South China (B) v. St. Joseph's, South China Ground.

Wilt's Res. v. United, Sookumpoo Ground.

R.G.A. Res. v. South China (A), Navy B Ground.

Kowloon Res. v. Club Res, Kowloon Ground.

University v. Punjabis, Club Ground.

Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

In the First Division the Police should be playing "Curlew" but the latter are out of port. As the Chinese are also standing down, there is a probability that their match with the Police down to be played on the 21st may be brought forward. If it is the Chinese will be out to avenge their former defeat.

In the "Cairo" v. "Tamar" match, I think the latter will win. In their game with the Chinese last Saturday they had hard luck. They should have won by two clear goals. Their forwards were weak in front of goal. The wing men should remember to send the ball over to the centre more often. Shots like the one Brazendale scored with last week only come off once in a hundred. The "Cairo" team are not playing as well as they did at the beginning of the season.

A good game should be seen at Sookumpoo between the Wilt's and the Club. The former went down to the "Titania" last Saturday but a draw should have been the result. The Club defeated the "Ambrose" last week and I should not be surprised if they annex the two points to-morrow.

The "Titania" meet Kowloon. The latter team have been resting for the past two weeks, so they should turn out fresh. There will be no change in their team. The Depot ship will turn out the same team that defeated the Wilt's. I rather fancy they will improve their position in the League table.

In the Second Division, the College boys should beat the Chinese "B" team, if they turn out the same side as last week. Omar played a good game, also Ogilvie; but their backs are a bit shaky.

The Wilt's Res. should, I think, prove too good for the United. The latter team are playing well, but their front line lack combination.

The game R.G.A. Res. v. Chinese "A" should be a fast one. I expect to see the Gunners annex the points.

Kowloon Res. should dispose of the Club Res. and University should beat the Punjabis.

Is there to be a Shield Competition this season? If so it is about time arrangements were put in hand. The Clubs have quite enough to do at present to keep up with their League engagements, and if something is not done soon there will be congestion at the end of the season. Nobody wants to play Football in April.

OFFSIDE.

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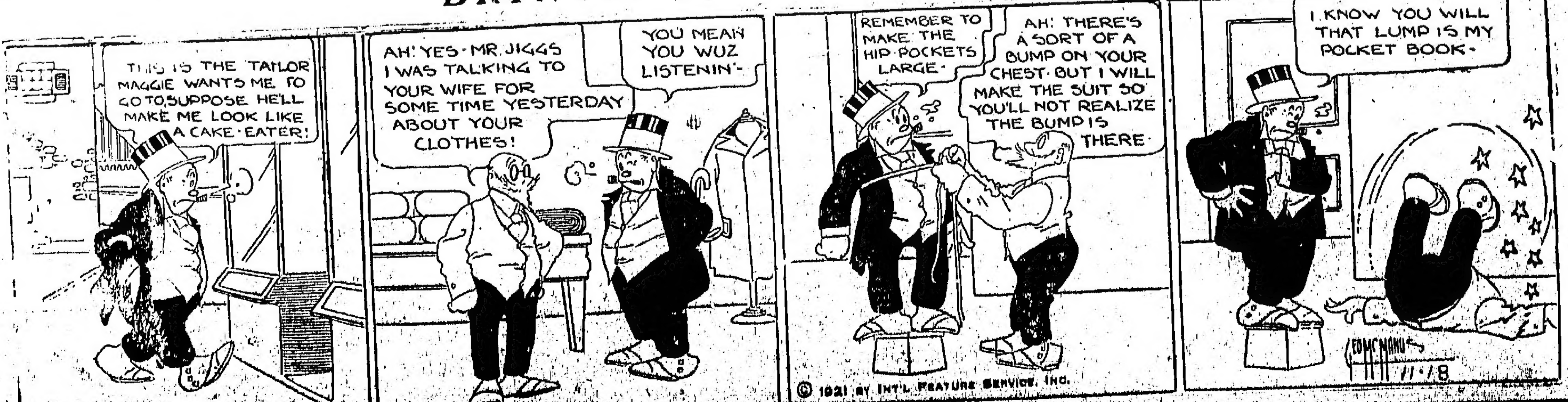
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